

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 7084

August 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a healthcare provider who determines that a service recipient has communicated an actual threat of bodily harm against a clearly identified victim to take reasonable care to predict, warn of, or take precautions to protect the identified victim from the service recipient's violent behavior, if it is determined that the service recipient has the apparent ability to commit such an act and is likely to carry out the threat unless prevented from doing so. Takes effect October 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-3-206, qualified mental health professionals and behavior analysts have a duty to predict, warn or take precautions to provide protection to an identified victim from a threat of bodily harm made by a service recipient.
- The proposed legislation will expand such duty to all healthcare providers.
- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the operations of the Department of Health or the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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